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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 12, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 12, 2003 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 12, 2003 Final Office Action was due November 12, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the August 12, 2003 Final Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity is nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three month extension of time, the response to the August 12, 2003 Final Office Action is due February 12, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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In response to the August 12, 2003 Office Action please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.